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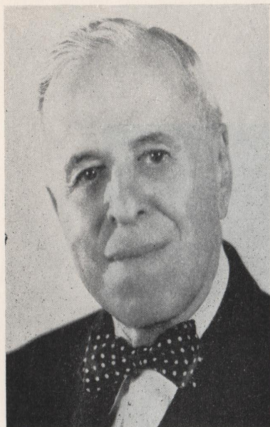
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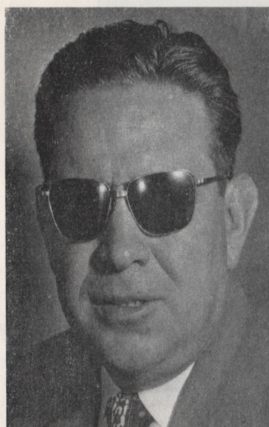


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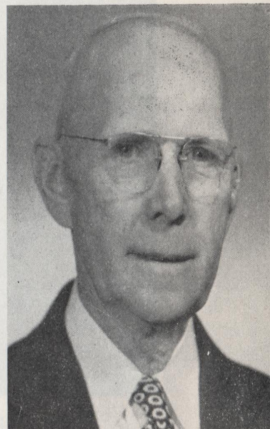
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OUR SUPERINTENDENT



TO THE SENIORS:

Greatness in your lives will largely be the result of definite purpose and ambition. Aim to do some one great thing with all your power and you will stand on the heights of great achievement. Cultivate courtesy, appreciation, deliberateness, integrity and sincerity. Speak well of other people and if you know nothing good keep silent.

Go to your God for your supply of good and it will meet all of your needs.

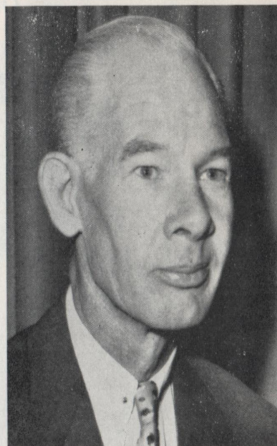
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## Messages From . . .

TO THE SENIORS:

Life is just a succession of problems—little ones and big ones. We have tried to give you some tools that will help you solve these problems. How well you use these tools will determine your measure of happiness, because the joys of your world will be hidden behind these problems. So let each problem be a challenge. Meet each wisely, solve each well and discover the real meaning of success.

Godspeed to all of you.



JAMES R. KIRKLEY  
*Assistant Principal  
Department for the Deaf*

DEAR GRADUATES:

You have come to an important plateau in your own lives and of deep interest to us who have had the privilege of studying with you. We pray that the training we have given you in helping you reach this plateau on your climb to the summit of usefulness and honor, has been adequate, and we sincerely hope that summit will be only the commencement for reaching another summit where life is all grandeur and happiness. May God bless you.



WILBER H. FULKER  
*Assistant Principal  
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## Dedication . . .



DR. JAMES H. BROWN

It is with pleasure that we dedicate this issue of *The Columbine* to

DR. JAMES H. BROWN

who for forty years of unparalleled services, has ministered to the health needs of the pupils of the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind.

We take this opportunity to wish Dr. Brown many more years of service. His unswerving loyalty and devotion to this school will long be remembered by the pupils and staff, both past and present.

We commend you and thank you, Dr. Brown, for being such a good friend to the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind.

# Class of 1961

## Motto

AGE QUOD AGIS  
(Finish What You Attempt)

## Colors

METALLIC BLUE and WHITE

## SALUTATORY

By ELDON SCHREINER

Members of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Stelle, Mr. Von Richard Carter, parents, teachers, and students:

The class of 1961 has chosen me to greet you and welcome you on this our Graduation Day. We are very glad that you have come here today to be with us and share our pride. Your presence is an indication of respect and honor. For this we give you our sincere thanks.

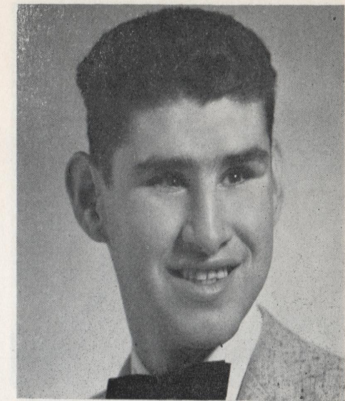
We are especially glad to see and welcome the Board of Trustees. We will even be a little partial and give an extra warm welcome to Mr. Gottlieb, who for so many years has been a true friend and leader.

We hope you will all enjoy our graduation program, as you may be sure we will. Thank you for your interest, thank you for coming, and again I say "Welcome."

## Leroy Almarez

Leroy, the small boy who makes a big sound, is a versatile musician who plays bass viol and saxophone. However, his great love is the largest instrument in the orchestra, the bass viol. Along with these skills, he possesses a rare singing voice with which he is almost as much at home singing tenor as bass. He already has several professional engagements to his credit.

Leroy is planning to go to Piano Technician School in Vancouver, Washington. With his pleasing personality and genuineness, he should be able to command recognition in the field of music.

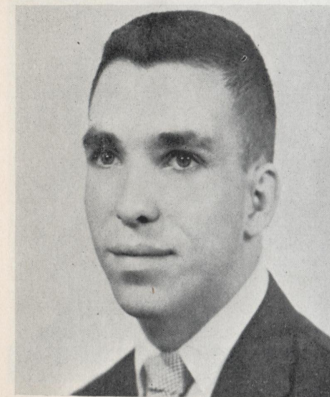


## Charles Joseph Gallegos

Charles entered our school in the second half of the 1959-1960 school year. He had previously attended Sacred Heart, Evans, and South High Schools in Denver. He is a hard worker and has an excellent personality.

In the short time he has been with us, Charles has taken part on all of the athletic teams the school offers to the deaf. He showed a great interest in Scouting by rising through the ranks to become a patrol leader.

Charles hopes to be able to continue in athletics with a deaf club. He hopes to get a job in Denver.



## Winifred Nishimura

Winnie, being born in Hawaii, came to us by the way of Diamond Head School in Honolulu in 1958. Her friendliness and cheerfulness are always welcomed in any crowd.

Her interests in athletics are volleyball, tumbling, and soccer. Her hobbies count among them two things that every young lady should know—sewing and cooking. Her dream is to go to business school to learn to be a typist or an I.B.M. operator.





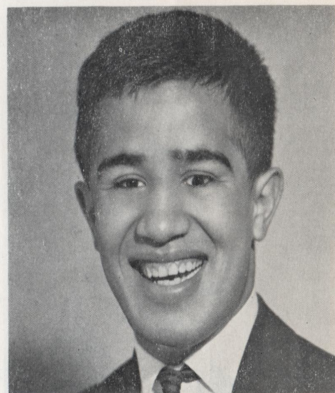
### **Ronnie Olson**

Ronnie, whose home is in Longmont, Colorado, came to us in 1948 and has spent his entire school life here. He has served as master of ceremony of the orchestra group, where his lively sense of humor is a definite asset. He sings, plays piano, violin, trombone, auto-harp, bass viol, the clavietta, a novelty instrument, and has even experimented with the organ. His sharp sense of timing and showmanship should be extremely valuable to him in future work with orchestra or radio.

Ronnie plans to go to Rockmont College where he intends to major in music.

### **Robert Robles**

Bobby, whose home is in Pueblo, has been with us since 1949. He has been quite active in both track and wrestling. Bobby is a deep thinker, and with an intense interest in current happenings and a desire to excel in different subjects, he stands quite high in his academic work. He hopes to go to college and major in business administration. His wealth of information in various lines, combined with a dry sense of humor all his own, should lead him to success in whatever he undertakes.



### **Eldon Schreiner**

Eldon was left deaf after visits from typhoid fever and chicken pox when he was a tyke. The result was his entrance into our school in 1946.

He remained with us until 1950 when he transferred to the Evans School. From 1951 until 1955, he was a student at the Baker School in Fort Morgan. Since 1955 he has been back with us.

A mainstay on the football team, he has an interest in various sports; a long list of hobbies includes making ventriloquist dummies and astronomical telescopes.

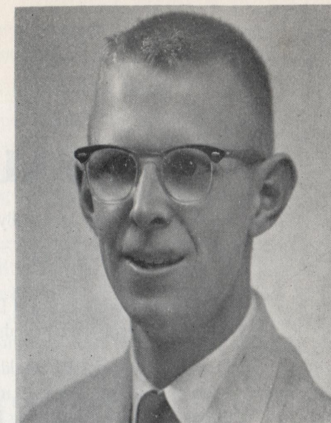
He plans to spend the next few years at Gallaudet College if he passes the entrance examinations.



### **Merle Schippert**

Merle, who lives in Brush, has been a member of our school since 1949. He has been the efficient manager of the orchestra for the past three years. In many other places he will be missed for his willingness always to lend a helping hand.

Merle has all his plans made to enter the Automatic Transmission School in Denver, after which he expects to enter that line of work. With his interest and determination, we feel that he will be a success.



### **Jeri Williams**

In 1953 Jeri came from Hotchkiss to be one of our D. and B. family. Throughout the years she has been active in sports as well as in music. She is a member of the chorus and orchestra and plays both piano and accordion. A few of her hobbies are skating, dancing, reading and writing, in the last of which she is especially proficient. Jeri's plans are college, with a special education major in sociology and a career of teaching. Her wonderful poise and graciousness, combined with her natural ability and good judgment, we are sure, will make her a success in her work.



### **Bert Younger**

Bert has spent all fourteen of his school years with us. We have come to know him as a dependable individual and a hard worker. He has long been a member of the football and basketball teams. He has a variety of interests beginning with driving and ending with dancing. His favorite subjects, algebra and biology, indicate only one thing in his future—Gallaudet College.



# VALEDICTORY

By JERRY LEA WILLIAMS

Members of the Board of Directors, Mr. Stelle, Faculty, House Parents, Fellow Students, Parents and Friends:

The Class of 1961 would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. We wish to thank you for the kindness and interest shown us during our years of schooling here.

To the Members of the Board, we would like to say thank you for your efforts and concern which have persisted throughout the years. You have provided us with the facilities necessary to obtain an education such as this.

Mr. Stelle, thank you for all the tireless hours spent for our benefit. We carry away with us a deep respect for you within our hearts.

To the Faculty, we say thank you for your patience, understanding and time. We hope that we may apply to our lives the things which you have taught us. Your understanding and friendship have meant a great deal to us.

To the House Parents, we owe a special thanks; for it has been they who were there to listen to our problems as they arose. We have made this our second home for many years, and these people have helped to make it a pleasant one.

We would like to give our thanks to our fellow students, who have shared so many of the experiences which go to make up a happy life. Your companionship and tolerance are deeply appreciated.

To our parents we owe the loudest thank you of all. You have provided us with confidence, understanding—and most important of all—love. We hope that we may live up to all your ambitions for us.

And to you, our friends, we say thank you. Thank you for sharing this day with us.

We have finished the required studies in this school; we now go forth into the world, armed with the knowledge received from each and every one of you. Although we are completing one phase of our lives, we are but beginning another; for this, indeed, is a day of commencement. Our desire is that we may be able to abide by our motto: "Finish what you attempt."

## *In Retrospect . . .*

Our school years are always filled to overflowing with busy days and happy events, and 1960-1961 has been no exception. It would be impossible to mention all the important things that have happened, but the Columbine will attempt in the next few pages to give some of the most outstanding things which may in later years bring back fond memories.

### **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

Many programs were given this year by the school's musical groups, both here in Colorado Springs and elsewhere in the state. The orchestra has played 14 times, as far away as Durango and Hotchkiss, in Denver and in Wheatridge. The Senior Choir has performed four times for different organizations in Colorado Springs, and here at school gave a concert in collaboration with the Junior Choir, of music from the musical "The Sound of Music." The Junior Choir has given programs at the Colorado Springs Juvenile Music Club and at the Nob Hill Lions' Club.

One particularly interesting event was the Christmas program, an annual affair in which both the deaf and the blind participated.

In addition, the Boys' Combo and the Girls' Trio have played and sung several times for different local groups. As a result of one of these musical presentations, a well-known sorority has become interested in the eye bank and intends to make it one of its projects.

### **PRIMARY DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEAF**

A gracious gift from La Sertoma Club heads the news from this department. Through their generosity we were able to obtain a series of visual aid materials. We are sure that these aids will prove very beneficial and we sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of La Sertoma.

Another big project saw the addition of more field trips to our social studies program. Community helpers and transportation were stressed by visits to the local airport, bus terminal, railroad depots, fire stations, a bakery, a dairy, the public library and Court House. Additional experience was gained through a visit to a turkey farm, a sight-seeing trip around Colorado Springs, the movie "Swiss Family Robinson," a delightful visit with the Junior League

to watch "Raggedy Ann and Andy," and a morning at Santa's Workshop at North Pole, Colorado.

### **OPEN HOUSE—GYM SHOW**

"Open House" is always an intriguing event. This year was no exception. In the fall and again in the spring many interested people from Colorado Springs and elsewhere in the state came to see us at work and at play. To the delight of everyone a spectacular gym show by both departments capped the March event. Open House was held in the afternoon on the day before vacation, and the gym show at night, thus permitting the parents to attend both and take their children home with them afterward.

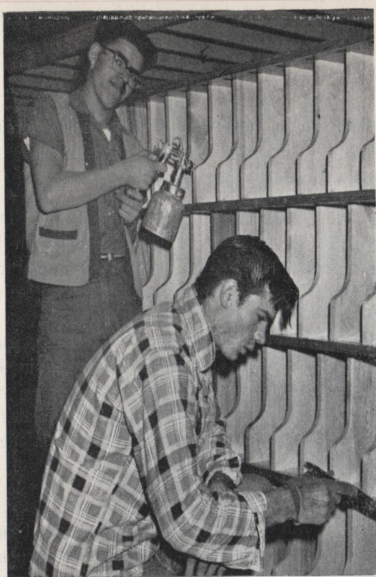
### **DEAF GIRL SCOUTS**

An "overnight" at Sky High, the Girl Scout Camp near Woodland Park, opened the 1960-61 scouting year for Troop 128. This was followed by four horseback riding lessons in Austin Bluffs during beautiful fall weather.

The troop was pleased to have Mrs. Catherine Davis volunteer her services as the third leader; Mrs. Charlotte Stevens and Mrs. Orpha Barrows, being the other two.



KAREN SUE JOHNSON



PAINTING CLASS—Carl Martinez and Curtis Scott.

#### GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the Girls' Athletic Association is to promote and encourage athletics in this school and in others. This year our G. A. A. has done many interesting things.

In October we had a Talent Show which was quite a success. The proceeds from this went to G. A. A. Next in store for us was our annual Decathlon-by-Mail in which we competed with New Mexico, California and Arizona. We did quite well in this, several of our girls winning ribbons.

Our next project was selling pop corn at our wrestling tournament which was held here this year.

The annual Play Day was also held at our school this year, and we had Arizona and New Mexico as our guests. After all the events, we took a sight-seeing trip to Ghost Town and the Van Briggie Pottery.

We have a track meet every spring, and this year it was held at North Junior, with six of our girls participating.

We have an interesting award system, in which points are given for different accomplishments. For ten points a girl wins a G. A. A. pin, for 20 points a letter, for 30 points a sweater, and for 50 points a jacket is given.

It has been hard work, but along with it has been fun, working with our gym teacher, Mrs. Smith.

#### THE SPORTS SCENE

The school year 1960-61 has been very satisfactory from the sports and athletic viewpoints. Although we can claim no champion team in any one sport, still our teams were among the best in the field for their class.

From the first squeal of the first kicked pig-(skin) last September to the last wheeze from the final runner on the track squad in May, our athletic bill-of-fare has been well seasoned with sweet victories, bitter defeats, and, above all, that wholesome flavor of hard work and good sportsmanship.

#### FOOTBALL

The football record of seven wins and two losses only begins to tell the story. We had a good scrappy team and some very fine individual players. This is witnessed by the facts that Bert Younger was chosen on the All-America Schools for the Deaf second team, and Les Cotton, Sammy Sain, Joe Romero and Charles Gallegos all won honorable mention.

A school just doesn't win such a large percentage of recognition with a poor team.

We are losing five football varsity men this year, and our prospects for next fall seem not too good. Still, one thing is sure—our boys will be right there trying, as always!

#### BASKETBALL

Winning seven and losing ten, our basketball team did pretty well, though showing a tendency to slip behind in the final few minutes of play in a few too many contests. Off and on, the boys were "real flashy and real lousy."

The highlight of the season was our trip to Ogden, Utah, where we played some of our best ball to win by a whisker, 52-50, from Utah School for the Deaf.

The stalwarts of the basketball season turned out to be Sain, Chifalo, Clifton, Cotton, Jones, and Murray. We had fair depth, and other very promising players who should make us a winning team next season.

#### WRESTLING

Our blind boys' wrestling team was greatly improved over last year. The season score was 13 won and six lost, but four of the losses were forfeitures lost because we had no boys to wrestle in the 120-pound and heavyweight classes.

Our school was honored by being host to the fifth

annual Southwest Association of Schools for the Blind wrestlers from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Tennessee, Arizona and Colorado converged upon our gymnasium and shook the rafters with performances of truly championship calibre. Our boys did us proud by copping third place in the tournament.

We can boast of two individual champions, Louis Padilla, 117 pounds, and Ronnie Olson, 165 pounds. Louis had an undefeated season, with 18 wins and one tie. He took a first in the tourney and was voted the most outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

We had a pee wee wrestling tournament with four individual champions. These boys were Louis Pederson, 55 pounds, Lance Wheeland, 65 pounds, Junior Cain, 75 pounds, and Bob Bradler, 85 pounds.

#### TRACK—BLIND

The blind boys made their annual track trip to the Conference Track Meet at Austin, Texas. Two boys placed in the meet. Louis Padilla took a fourth in the shot put with a put of 33 ft., 6 in., and Harvey Fisher took a third in the standing high jump by leaping 4 ft., 6 in. The team took fourth place.

#### TRACK—DEAF

Our basketball coach, Mark Wait, showed interest in handling a track squad, also, and since many of the boys were anxious to try out for it, Mark received the "go-ahead" signal. Nineteen deaf boys turned out for practice. Hampered by cold weather and traditionally late spring conditions, the boys got in very little actual practice before the first meet with Fountain Valley. We lost, but by a surprisingly close score of 50-57.

Highlight of the track season was a trip to the Iowa School for the Deaf to participate in Midwest Deaf Relays, involving the Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Colorado Schools for the Deaf, over the weekend of April 27-30. The track boys who participated in running and field events were as follows: Sammy Sain, second in 220 and fourth in 100; Bert Younger, fourth in 880; Carl Martinez, second in one mile; Jerry Jones, fifth in low hurdles; Charles Gallegos, fifth in football throw; Larry Murray, tied for third in high jump. We placed fourth and second in 880-yard and two-mile relays, respectively.

We have hopes for an improved practice field next year and an improved team.



INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT (DEAF)—Left to right: Walter Von Feldt, Mrs. Kingsolver, Virginia DeLong, John Anderson.



### ATHLETIC BANQUET AND JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

The banquet started with a fine meal of steak, and was followed by a short talk by Col. M. L. Martin, who is director of athletics at the Air Force Academy. Next came the presentation of athletic letters by the coaches in the various sports. Mr. Stelle then presented the following trophies: most outstanding basketball player, Sammy Sain; most free throws, Leslie Cotton; most pins in wrestling, Louis Padilla; most takedowns in wrestling, Bob Robles; most outstanding deaf girl, Janice Harris; most outstanding blind girl, Janice Martinez; most outstanding deaf boy, Sammy Sain; most outstanding blind boy, Louis Padilla. After the presentation of trophies the boys and girls went to the gym to dance.

### SCHOOL PICNICS

Each year the school picnics are anticipated and enjoyed by everyone. The zoo, hiking, ball games and other sports in Monument Valley Park, along with a delicious and bountiful picnic dinner furnished by the school, were included in the program, as students and teachers forgot school and all serious thoughts for a day, before starting on the final round of exams, reports, and everything else that goes with the closing of a busy school year.

### ACADEMIC WORK

We hope we have not given the impression that the year has been all play, for the academic side has been strongly emphasized. Our goal throughout the year was to see how much improvement could



TRAVEL TRAINING—Estella Flores, Mr. Ronald Teubner, Pauline Filla, Debbie Crafts.

be shown in this year's achievement tests over last year's, and in most cases the results were gratifying. We also worked hard as a school to be ready for the Accreditation Committee which spent a week observing us at work in every department. We are hoping to hear a favorable report from them.

And now, as we close this brief review of the year, we wish everyone a happy and restful summer and hope that in the fall we may all return with renewed interest and pep. And to the Seniors, who will not be with us again, we wish the very best of success as they go into their chosen activities.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Blind)—Bottom, left to right: Alice Jackson and Janice Martinez. Top: Gloria Martinez and Beverly Davis.



CANING AND POTTERY—Left to right: Robert Bradler and Ronnie Humrich.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT (DEAF)—Left to right: Harriett Collier, Larry O'Dell, Dick Gratzke, Howard Schweizer, Linda Schnell.



JUNIOR CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA—Front row, left to right: Celeste Williams, Joe Mazzara, Mary Agnes Hermes, Everett Seter. Second row: Gail Allen, Tommy Fletcher, Vickie Jennings, Gloria Ebuna, Sheila Winberg, Junior Caine, Lorraine Fabian. Third row: Pauline Filla, Don Slichter, Victoria Leith, Joe Sprague, Nancy Meyers, Johnny Croy, Emma Ellithorpe. Fourth row: Estella Flores, Lance Wheeland, Barbara Berger. Last row: Ronnie Humrich, Rose Marie Tafoya, Karen Koelling, Loretta DiPaolo, John Jones.



SEWING FOR THE BLIND—Sheila Winberg, Barbara Berger, Gloria Ebuna, Loretta DiPaolo, Nancy Meyers, Lorraine Fabian, Victoria Leith.





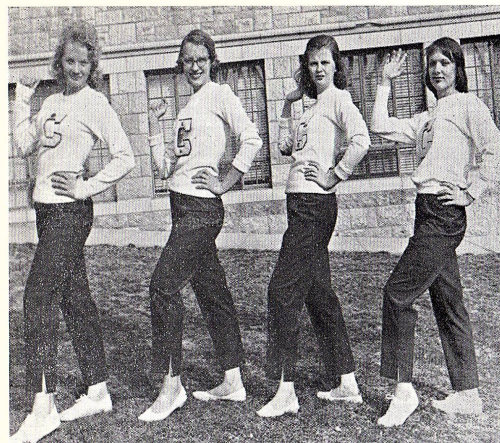
A 45-minute pantomime entitled "The Park Benches" was presented by the Dramatic Club on March 15. The pantomime was so hilarious that it was presented again in the second Open House. Front row, from left to right: Leslie Cotton, Ken Schiel, Fred Calderone, Joe Chifalo, Carl Martinez. Back row: Orlando Gomez, Esther Rosen, Janice Harris, Sylvia Borquez, Curtis Scott, Ruben Atencio.



GIRL SCOUTS NO. 128—Janice Harris, Cheryl Ward, Barbara Price, Esther Rosen, Erma Phillips, Helen Ruff.



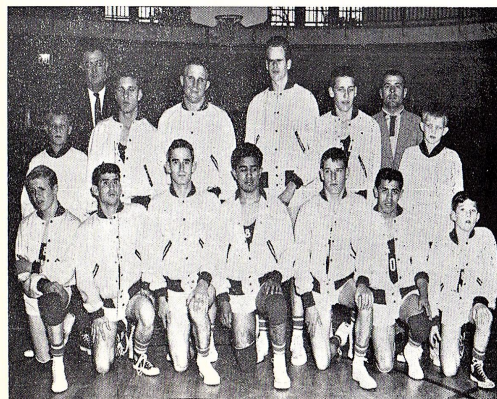
SEWING CLASS (DEAF)—Left to right: Cecilia Serna, Gail Hamilton, Helen Ruff, Pat Cornett, Bonnie Frentress.



CHEERLEADERS—Left to right: Barbara Price, Mary Jo Rigler, Joyce Craig, Helen Ruff.



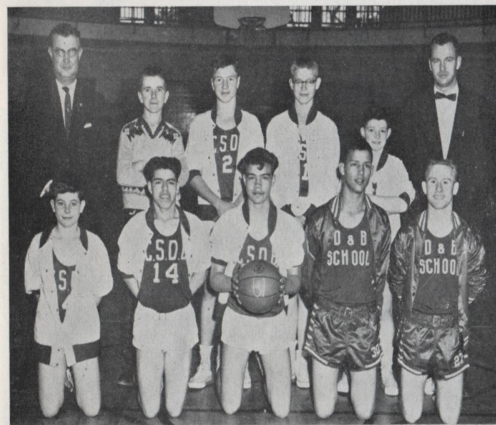
GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM—Kneeling, left to right: Martina Milan, Jeanette Perea, Winnie Nishimura, Cecilia Serna. Standing: Cheryl Ward, Joyce Craig, Janice Harris, Mary Jo Rigler, Supt. Roy M. Stelle, Bonnie Frentress, Barbara Price, Helen Ruff, Mrs. Ruby Smith, coach.



BULLDOGS' WRESTLING TEAM: First row, left to right: Larry Kopcho, Leroy Almaraz, Clinton Hickman, Bobby Robles, Orville Jones, Louis Padilla, David Morris. Second row: Bobby Bradler, Supt. Roy Stelle, Argust Jarman, Ronnie Olson, Harvey Fisher, Bill Taylor, Coach Ron Teubner, Ronnie Humrich.



**BULLDOGS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM**—Kneeling, left to right: Leslie Cotton, Jerry Jones, Joe Chifalo, Bill Clifton, Sammy Sain. back row: Supt. Roy Stelle, Larry Murray, Bert Younger, Charles Gallegos, Coach Mark Wait. Not in picture—Harley Lee, manager.



**BULLDOGS' JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM**—Kneeling, left to right: Ronnie Shlyter, Carl Martinez, Leslie Bruening, Fred Cadlerone, Ken Schiel. Back row: Supt. Roy M. Stelle, Mgr. Larry Ankeny, Bob Shaw, John Reitz, Eldon Ragland, Coach Mark Wait.



**BULLDOGS' FOOTBALL TEAM**—First row, left to right: L. Murray, B. Younger, S. Sain, Capt. J. Romero, B. Clifton, L. Cotton, S. Calderone. Second row: L. Bruening, J. Ortega, K. Schiel, C. Gallegos, R. Herod, J. Jones, M. Skillin, F. Calderone. Third row: L. Copper, R. Shaw, B. Martindale, C. Martinez, L. Wolderidge, J. Ross, O. Gomez, E. Schreiner. Fourth row: Mgr. L. Ankeny, Coach R. Teubner, Supt. R. M. Stelle, Assist. Coach G. Culbertson, Mgr. R. Gonzales.

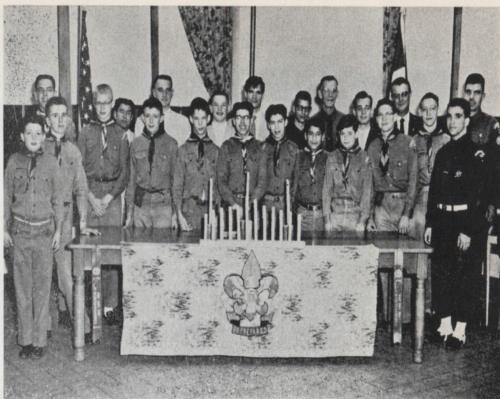


**STUDENTS GIVE TO FUND**—President of the senior class, Bert Younger, presents a check on behalf of the school to Maj. Gen. William S. Stone, superintendent of the Air Force Academy at a ceremony held in the school auditorium. The students donated \$46 from savings and allowances as their contribution to the Air Force Academy foundation stadium fund drive which is raising the funds required for construction of the football stadium at the Academy. (Air Force photo)



**YOUNG AMERICAN FOOTBALL TEAM**—Front row, left to right: B. Martinez, D. Sutton, D. Morse, D. Schlichter, L. Whelan, T. Williams, J. Doherty, D. Gratzke. Second row: G. Allen, J. Walters, K. Albarnathy, R. Shlyter, L. Kopcho, H. Schweitzer, E. Ragland, J. Anderson. Third row: Supt. R. M. Stelle, J. Sprague, L. O'Dell, B. Grimaldo, Coach R. Robinson.

BOY SCOUTS, TROOP 7—Left to right: Eldon Ragland, Barry Martindale, Larry Ankeny, John Reitz, Orlando Gomez, Leroy Cooper, Joe Chifalo, James Capp, Leslie Cotton, Carl Martinez, Curtis Scott, Justo Ortega, Fred Calderone, Billy Grimaldo, Hursel Huffman (neighborhood commissioner), Ronnie Sluyter, Harry Rice, John Chapman, Supt. Roy M. Stelle, Larry Apking, Charles Gallegos, Scoutmaster George Culbertson.



ROMAN LADDER PYRAMID performed at Scouto-rama—Left side, top to bottom: Charles Gallegos, Carl Martinez, Leroy Cooper. Center: Larry Apking, Leslie Cotton, Curtis Scott, Joe Chifalo. Right side: Fred Calderone, John Chapman, Eldon Ragland. (Photo courtesy of Free Press, Colorado Springs)

